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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 4, 2002

PETITION OF

POTTS CREEK EXCHANGE CUSTOMERS

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00180

For Extended Local Service from
NTELOS Telephone Inc.'s Potts Creek
Exchange to Verizon Virginia Inc.'s
Crows-Hematite Exchange

ORDER DIRECTING COST STUDY AND POLL

On September 3, 2002, telephone customers in NTELOS Telephone Inc.'s ("NTELOS") Potts Creek Exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for Extended Local Service ("ELS") to Verizon Virginia Inc.'s ("Verizon Virginia") Crows-Hematite Exchange.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the petition and § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, finds that this matter should be docketed. We further find that NTELOS should prepare a cost study to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rates that would result from the requested extension of local service from the NTELOS Potts Creek Exchange to Verizon Virginia's Crows-Hematite Exchange. After preparing the cost study, NTELOS should poll its customers in the Potts Creek Exchange regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to the Crows-Hematite Exchange.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00180.

(2) NTELOS shall prepare a cost study to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rate for service that would result from the requested extension of local service from its Potts Creek Exchange to Verizon Virginia's Crows-Hematite Exchange. NTELOS shall file the cost study with the Commission's Division of Communications on or before December 20, 2002.

(3) NTELOS shall poll its Potts Creek Exchange customers to determine whether a majority of those customers are willing to pay an increase in rates for local calling to Verizon Virginia's Crows-Hematite Exchange. NTELOS shall file the results of its poll with the Commission as soon as possible, but no later than February 28, 2003.

(4) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.